

PUBLIC NOTICE

PERMIT APPLICATION: NRS 06.296

APPLICANT: State of Tennessee
Department of Transportation
Environmental Planning and Permits Division
Suite 900, J. K. Polk Bldg.
505 Deaderick Street
Nashville, TN 37243-0334
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LOCATION: TDOT#72950-1539-04, Water Plant Road, Unnamed tributary Boyles Branch
Rhea County 35.4701/85.0222

WATERSHED DESCRIPTION: The unnamed tributary to Boyles Branch watershed drains is a spring fed headwater tributary. The channel varies from 1 to 2 feet wide and has a gravel substrate with a riparian area consisting of mixed hardwoods and briars. The area surrounding the impact site is rural agriculture.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The applicant proposes to improve the existing road. The existing spring and tributary are 240 ft. in length. The applicant proposes to install a 4-foot concrete spring box drain, 40 ft. of 18-inch reinforced concrete pipe, and 225 ft. of open stream channel with a total length of 269 ft. The relocated channel would resemble the original (channelized into a roadside ditch) stream and trees planted along the stream banks. Associated with the relocation are impacts to 0.032 acre of isolated wetland at Station 27+70+/- and 0.006 acre of isolated wetlands at Station 27+95+/- . The wetland impacts would be approved under General Permit for Minor Wetland Alterations.

In accordance with the Tennessee Antidegradation Statement (Rule 1200-4-3-.06), the division has determined that the proposed activity will not result in degradation to water quality.

USGS TOPOGRAPHIC QUADRANGLE: Graysville, TN (111-NE)

PERMIT COORDINATOR: Brian Canada

No decision has been made whether to issue or deny this permit. The purpose of this notice is to inform interested parties of this permit application and to ask for comments and information necessary to determine possible impacts to water quality. Persons wishing to comment on the proposal are invited to submit written comments to the department. Written comments must be received within **thirty days of the date that this notice is posted**. Comments will become part of the record and will be considered in the final decision. The applicant's name and permit number should be referenced.

Interested persons may also request in writing that the department hold a public hearing on this application. The request must be filed within the comment period, indicate the interest of the person requesting it, the reasons that the hearing is warranted, and the water quality issues being raised. When there is sufficient public interest in water quality issues, the department will hold a public hearing.

The permit application, supporting documentation including detailed plans and maps, and related comments are available at the department's address for review and/or copying. The department's address is:

Tennessee Department of Environment & Conservation
Division of Water Pollution Control, Natural Resources Section

7th Floor L & C Annex
401 Church Street
Nashville, TN 37243

In deciding whether to issue or deny a permit, the department will consider all comments on record and the requirements of applicable federal and state laws.

